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GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING

July 12, 2006--9:30 A.M.

STATE SECONDARY COMPLEX, 7150 HARRIS DRIVE, LANSING
GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM B

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Pytlik
Mr. Dennis Emery
Mr. Dwayne Betcher

Mr. George Reamer
Mr. Jeffrey Radjewski
Mr. William Borch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Karl Heim

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. Eva Hatt, Safety & Health Manager
General Industry Safety & Health Division
Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle, Program Manager
Standards Section

Ms. Cindy Eicher, Standards Section Secretary
Mr. Ron Ray, Acting Director, Management
and Technical Services Division

VISITORS ATTENDING:

Mr. Jim Fisk

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY STANDARDS COMMISSION IS TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND VISION NECESSARY TO ENSURE A SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN.

THE COMMISSION INVOLVES EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY STANDARDS AS IT ENDEAVORS TO CONTINUALLY EXAMINE AND IMPROVE THOSE STANDARDS FOR PURPOSE, CLARITY, APPLICABILITY, ENFORCEABILITY, AND COST EFFECTIVENESS.

OUR VISION IS TO BE A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN SAFETY FOR THE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN BY INCORPORATING THE CHANGING NEEDS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND METHODS INTO OUR STANDARDS.

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Agenda Item #1--Call to Order and Roll Call

The July 12, 2006 General Industry Safety Standards Commission meeting was called to order by Marsha Parrott-Boyle. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2—Introduction of New Commissioners

Marsha Parrott-Boyle welcomed the three new members of the General Industry Safety Standards Commission: Dwayne Betcher, William Borch and Karl Heim. Commissioners and staff introduced themselves, stated whom they represented and told briefly their current employment and their history with employee safety. Ms. Parrott-Boyle announced that since the last meeting a resignation has been received by Mr. Michael Eckert.

Agenda Item #3—Election of Officers

Marsha Parrott-Boyle informed the commissioners that both the chair and the vice chair that were elected in February are no longer with the commission so they needed to elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the remainder of calendar year 2006. A motion was made by Commissioner Emery and seconded by Commissioner Reamer to nominate Commissioner Pytlik as chairperson. Commission Pytlik accepted the nomination. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Radjewski and seconded by Commissioner Pytlik to nominate Commissioner Betcher as vice chairperson. Commission Betcher accepted the nomination.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4--Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2006

Marsha Parrott-Boyle turned the meeting over to Chairperson Pytlik.

A motion was made by Commissioner Radjewski and was seconded by Commissioner Borch to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006 Commission meeting with one correction on page two. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #5--Standards Section Update—Marsha Parrott-Boyle

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle reviewed with the commissioners the MIOSHA Strategic Goals for FY04-08. She pointed out that Goal 3.3B specifically applies to the standards program, that goal is to reduce the backlog of Commission directed standards to be revised by seventy percent (70%) over five years. She distributed a backlog summary of the standards currently underway and those awaiting revision and their order of priority. The newest completed revised standard is GI Part 8 Portable Fire Extinguishers.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle advised the commissioners that the ergonomics advisory committee has held over 20 meetings and is doing an outstanding job. They are operating by consensus, not by majority rule. Their next meeting is on September 27th, 2006. She advised that at their next meeting Commission Liaison Tycho Fredericks would be providing an update on the Ergonomics Advisory Committee's progress.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle advised that CS Part 32 & GI Part 58, Aerial Lifts Advisory Committee has been holding meetings since July of 2005. The Committee has been working to make the two standards more consistent with each other with regards to fall protection. The Committee is with permission from the Commission has added GI Part 5 Scaffolding to this consideration where it addresses aerial lifts. The Committee is making excellent progress and should have a recommendation for revisions to bring before the Commissioners at their next meeting. Once their draft is completed it will be sent out to commissioners to review before their next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle informed the commissioners that the comparison of OSHA and MIOSHA standards is

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progressing well and some have been added to the MIOSHA website already. This is a comparison which identifies where Michigan's standards vary from OSHA's standards.

Agenda Item #6--Old Business

None

Agenda Item #7--New Business

None

Agenda Item #8--General Industry Safety and Health Division Update—Eva Hatt, S&H Manager

Ms. Eva Hatt informed the Commissioners that there had been one additional fatality since the report was mailed to them. It occurred on July 5, 2006 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Ms. Hatt stated that the division commences investigations on fatalities within 24 hours.

Ms. Hatt advised the commissioners that the division has recently received staff training that included training from the attorney general's office on case files; ergonomic issues; telecommunication standard; general duty heat stress violations; and training on cranes.

The new priority assignments are close to be ready to distribute. The division is taking an initiative to conduct reinspections of employers that had inspections that were closed in 2004. This will allow the division to analyze the impact that the inspection had on the employers.

The General Industry Safety and Health Division has had an increase in the number of employee complaints and is working to update the complaint process. The division works diligently to respond to every complaint. A work group is meeting to see if any improvements can be made to the complaint process. Ms. Hatt stated that since October, 2005 the division has conducted over 110 joint safety and health inspections.

Ms. Hatt reported that the division has recently participated in the AFL-CIO Annual Conference and the Michigan Association of Timbermen Panel Discussion.

Ms. Hatt informed the Commission that GISHD currently has 27 safety officers, 23 industrial hygienists and two field investigators in the Employee Discrimination Section.

Agenda Item #9--MIOSHA Update—Marsha Parrott-Boyle

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle informed the commission that many of MIOSHA's management staff including Martha Yoder and John Peck were attending an OSHA meeting in Chicago. Ms. Parrott-Boyle further announced that there was recently a temporary shifting of leadership in the MIOSHA program resulting from Robert Swanson being named permanent Director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). Doug Kalinowski, MIOSHA Director, has been appointed to serve as Acting Deputy Director for DLEG, he will be responsible for the Unemployment Insurance Agency, Workers Compensation Agency, Wage and Hour Division and other units until a permanent Deputy Director can be named. In the interim, MIOSHA Deputy Director Martha Yoder will serve as Acting Director of MIOSHA. John Peck will be Acting MIOSHA Deputy Director filling in for Ms. Yoder and Ron Ray will be Acting Management and Technical Services Division Director filling in for John Peck. Ms. Parrott-Boyle distributed to all commissioners the MIOSHA briefing book which is updated yearly and provides information on accomplishments and significant cases that have occurred in MIOSHA. Ms. Parrott-Boyle reviewed some of the highlights of this publication.

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Ms. Parrott-Boyle reported that MIOSHA's second "Take a Stand Day" will take place on August 16, 2006. The first priority will be high hazard workplaces that have never had a MIOSHA intervention. There will be no citations and no penalties issues on this day, all enforcement and consultation staff available will participate.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle provided information regarding MIOSHA's youth initiative. MIOSHA completed a mailing of brochure entitled Extreme Safety which contains important facts for working teens including their rights and responsibilities. A larger mailing will take place in the fall and will include vocational schools. Nationwide there were 70 teenage deaths last year and 100,000 emergency room treatments. Michigan had 3 teen fatalities last year which included two 19 year olds and one sixteen year old.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle advised that there has been a great amount of positive feedback on the MISOHA training CD. MIOSHA would like to develop a similar CD for construction and is looking for funding.

MIOSHA has completed the temporary move to downtown Lansing and will be located there until the space in the General Office Building has been remodeled.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle stated within the last two months MIOSHA enforcement and consultative staff started distributing a comment card to employers and employees requesting feedback on their experience with MIOSHA staff. MIOSHA is beginning to receive comments back which have a 98% positive feedback result.

Agenda Item #10--OSHA Update--Cynthia Hutchens-Smith, Lansing Area Director

Ms. Hutchens-Smith was unable to attend the meeting due to the OHSA Meeting in Chicago.

Agenda Item #11--Public Comment

Mr. Jim Fisk told the commissioners and staff that we had distributed copies of the Michigan OSHA Walkthrough for Manufacturers CD to a few unions and it was very well received and appreciated as quality work.

Mr. Fisk requested additional copies of the CD as well as copies of the teen safety brochure and the MIOSHA briefing book that was distributed to the commissioners.

Agenda Item #13--Adjournment

The next General Industry Safety Standards Commission meeting will be held on October 11, 2006 at the General Office Building in Lansing, Michigan. A motion was made by Commissioner Emery and was seconded by Commissioner Radjewski that with no further business before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Thomas Pytlik, Chairperson

Date